

Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An electronic device, comprising:

a touch sensitive surface [(14)] for inputting strokes forming at least one character;

a memory [(20)]; [and]

code [(26)] for interpreting inputted strokes and storing the strokes in the memory in a vector graphics format;

code for displaying the at least one character on a display as a vector graphics message;

code for receiving a user input to signify that the vector graphics message is complete; and

code for adding a general vector graphics image to the vector graphics message.

2. (currently amended) An electronic device according to claim 1 further comprising an aerial [(18)] and code for causing the electronic device to combine strokes

representing a plurality of characters and to transmit the combined strokes as a message via the aerial [(18)] over a mobile network.

3. (currently amended) An electronic device according to claim 1 [[or 2]] wherein the vector graphics format is the scalable vector graphics format.

4. (currently amended) An electronic device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the code records strokes representing one or more characters in the memory without carrying out character recognition on the or each character.

5. (currently amended) An input method for an electronic device, including:
accepting [(40)] on a touch sensitive surface at least one stroke forming at least one character;

encoding [(42)] the strokes entered in a vector graphics format;

storing [(44)] the encoded strokes;

displaying the at least one character on a display as a vector graphics message;

receiving a user input to signify that the vector graphics message is complete; and

adding a general vector graphics image to the vector graphics message.

6. (currently amended) A method according to claim 5 further comprising

combining [(50)] the stored encoded strokes to make up a complete message in vector graphics format;

encoding [(54)] the complete message for transmission; and

transmitting [(56)] the complete message over a mobile telephone network.

7. (currently amended) A method according to claim 5 [[or 6]] wherein the vector graphics format is the scalable vector graphics format.

8. (currently amended) A method according to claim 5 [[, 6 or 7]] wherein the strokes are recorded in memory without carrying out character recognition on the or each character.

9. (currently amended) A computer program product containing code for causing an electronic device to carry out the steps of a method according to claim 5 ~~any of claims 5 to 8~~.

10. (currently amended) A computer program product recorded on a data carrier [(20)] containing code for causing a mobile device to carry out the steps of:

accepting on a touch sensitive surface [(14)] at least one stroke of text made up of at least one character;

encoding the strokes entered in a vector graphics format;

storing the encoded strokes;

displaying the at least one character on a display;

receiving a user input to signify that the vector graphics message is complete; and

adding a general vector graphics image to the vector graphics message.